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Dear Mr. Roffman:

This is in reply to your letter of April 27, 1975, concerning the [illegible] examination of the x-rays and photographs relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy by the Rockefeller Commission.

The following information is in reply to your questions:

1. The examination was made under the authority of the deed of gift of the autopsy materials and clothing by the Kennedy family, which provides that the materials may be examined by persons authorized to act for a Committee of Congress, a Presidential Commission, or [illegible] of the Federal Government having authority to investigate matters relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Burke Marshall was notified that the proposed examination was to be made, and he did not object or specifically agree to the examination.

2. The examination occurred on April [illegible], 1975, for about six hours.

3. The Zapruder, Nix, and Muchmore films, the Zapruder slides, the bullet (CE 399), and bullet fragments recovered after the assassination, [illegible] dated April 30, [illegible] photographs, Governor Connally's [illegible] President Kennedy's clothing were made [illegible] made no requests which were [illegible] no requests for any materials [illegible]

[illegible] Marshall [illegible] Clifford [illegible] the [illegible]

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5. [illegible] the Rockefeller Commission [illegible] of the autopsy x-rays [illegible] of the [illegible] President's clothing [illegible] 1975. The Commission was [illegible] copies of the deed of gift of the clothing, x-rays, and [illegible] and the report of the 1968 panel to the Attorney General concerning the autopsy materials.

6. The examination was made pursuant to the deed of gift of the autopsy materials. The provision of the deed of gift for determination by Mr. Burke Marshall of the qualifications of those who wish to examine the autopsy materials applies only to private researchers.

7. No arrangements were made or requested for viewing the Zapruder film in slow motion. The film was shown backwards but not in slow motion. The panel spent about an hour and a half viewing the Zapruder slides.

No reports or written documents prepared by the panel have been furnished to the National Archives.

Sincerely,

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